की भर्ती संघ लोक सेवा आयोग के माध्यम से की जाती है और अनुसूचित जाति समुदाय के चिकित्सकों के लिए निर्धारित आरक्षण कोटे के अनुसार ही मांग पत्र भेजे जाते हैं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Linking of Akaltura-Bhatapara by rail

1233. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received proposals to link Akaltura in Bilaspur district with Bhatapara in Madhya Pradesh by rail connecting Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) and various cements factories in that region;

(b) if so, what action has been taken on these proposals;

(c) whether Government have directed the factory owners to construct their own railway siding and whether the factory owners have complied these directions; and

(d) by when this rail link is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Demands were received for construction of rail line from Akaltura to Bhatapara to serve 2 major cement plants in the area.

(b) to (d) So far, 2 separate sidings to serve the 2 cements plants (Akaltara and Bhatapara) have been constructed on deposit terms. There is no sanctioned scheme at present for any further lines in the area. A survey is, however, in progress for line capacity works including alternative railway alignment connecting Jharsuguda|Champa with Raipur|Durg.

Conversion of Parasia-Chhindwara Rail line

1234. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Madhya Pradesh had sent a proposal to the Railway Ministry in 1981 for the conversion of Parasia-Chhindwara rail line into broad-gauge;

(b) if so, what decision has been taken on this proposal; and

(c) whether Government propose to give priority to this rail link as it passes through the backward and hilly tribal belt of Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) and (c) A survey for conversion of Parasia-Chhindwara N. G. line into B.G. was carried out in 1981-82. The project was found to be financially unremunerative and could not be considered due to constraint of resources.

Anomalies in pay of N.D.M.C. school teachers

1235 SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the teachers in the general category in the NDMC Schools have been made junior to the teachers belonging to Scheduled Castes on the grant of selection grade to them;

(b) whether as a result thereof, the junior teachers belonging to Scheduled Castes are getting more pay than the senior teachers of the general category;

(c) whether it is a fact that as per Government's rules a junior Officer can not get more pay than a senior officer; and

(d) if so, what steps Government are taking to provide relief to senior teachers by raising their salaries?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) and (b) There is reservation for Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe candidates for grant of

Selection Grade. As a result, some SC/ST candidates, who are junior to the general candidates in the seniority List, get Selection Grade earlier. In view of the above, a junior may get more pay than the senior who is yet to get Selection Grade.

(c) and (d) generally, a junior officer does not get more pay than a senior officer. However, such protection is not available in the case of grant of Selection Grade whereunder a junior may get more pay than his senior.

Orthopaedic department in NDMC hospital, Moti Bagh, New Delhi

1236. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an orthopaedic department in the NDMC hospital, Moti Bagh, New Delhi;

(b) if so, the names of the Orthopaedic Surgeons who are working there during the last three years and so far in 1987;

(c) what is the amount of money spent on the purchase of orthopaedic equipment during the years 1984, 1985 and so far in 1987 yearwise; and

(d) if no Orthopaedic Surgeon is functioning in the said Hospital at present what are the reasons for purchasing the orthopaedic equipment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes.

(b) Dr. P. P. Kapoor has been working in the NDMC hospital, Moti Bagh since February, 1986. Before him there was no orthopaedic-Surgeon.

(c) During 1984, 1985, the total amount of Rs. 2.37 lakhs spent for orthopaedic equipment from 1986 till date.

(d) Does not arise in view of answer to part (b) above.

Adulteration of Food Articles and Variation in Price

@1237. SHRI SHARAD YADAV:

SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the findings of the Quality Testing Laboratory of Lady Irwin College Delhi, after a random check of samples of Food articles collected from markets in the city, reveal adulteration and the price variation;

(b) if so, what are the main causes identified by Government for failure of the administrative machinery in checking the unabated food adulteration menace; and

(c) how does the Government propose to deal with the law enforcing machinery for its incompetency in checking food adulteration and also with the manufacturers and traders for indulging in such malpractices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) The Government, is aware of the findings of Quality Testing Laboratory of Lady Irwin College, Delhi, Delhi Administration has taken necessary steps to strengthen its enforcement machinery by appointing more staff and acquiring vehicles. During the first six months of 1987, the Delhi Administration has examined 655 samples of food articles. Out of this 116 samples were found adulterated.

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